



Child Development Home License Amendment Act of 2013 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Child Development Home License Amendment Act of 2013?

As a result of the growing population of infants and toddlers and the need for increased child care services in the District of Columbia, Councilmember Jim Graham introduced a bill to expand the current limit which allows only two children under the age of two in a licensed in-home childcare setting.

What is the potential impact?

Once the legislation is passed, family-home childcare providers will be able to serve up to six children under the age of 2 as long as the provider maintains a 1:2 student child ratio to children under 2 years old provided that the adults possess a current Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or are currently enrolled in a CDA training program. It is estimated that this change will create approximately 500 new slots for children in DC.

How do I apply to serve up to six children under the age of 2?

You must contact your licensing specialist and submit an application for a change in operation. Proof of an advanced degree, a current Child Development Associate (CDA), or proof of enrollment in a CDA program for 3 staff must be provided.

If I do not have a CDA, can I still serve up to 6 infants?

No, you must have or be actively pursuing a CDA to increase the number of infants served.

How do I obtain my CDA?

Details on the CDA program can be found at www.cdacouncil.org

Will training be available to learn more about how to increase the number of infants in my how?

Yes, you may seek training through the following:

- Attend the New Home Provider Association Meeting on June 14, 2014 from 11:00am- 1:00pm at the Anacostia Library (1800 Good Hope Road, SE)
- View the online presentation online at bit.ly/Child-Development-2013.
- Contact your licensing specialist for a step by step overview.